Letters to the Editor

Much Wants More

In Tuesday's Colonist there was a recommendation that commissionaires be engaged to supervise the various playgrounds and Beacon Hill Park. It is questionable if these mostly elderly men would relish the idea of trying to keep in order children who in this day of "self-expression" do not know the meaning of obedience.

Considering that these playgrounds are maintained and equipped one would think this was sufficient. Years ago mothers supervised their own children, or they did without supervision. Surely with the amount of labor-saving devices in practically every home the mothers of young children can find time to look after their own offspring—or pay for such services. How true it is that "much wants more."

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Unwelcome Alliance

I noted an item April 4 that B.C. Federation of Labor president, William Black, had assured the provincial CCF convention that his organization will be prepared to provide an "effective political machine" in the next provincial election, and to quote a continuance, "if we hope to survive as a labor movement we must gain control of the legislature." Some vision or hallucination, eh?

After the experiences of these last few years, with strikes on strikes ignoring the general public's welfare, and still facing many problems nationally and internationally, can we afford to hand over the reins of power to this alliance whereby labor union leaders would mould the bullets for the other partner, the CCF party, to shoot?

I am confident that the majority of good stable citizens will show at the next election, federal or provincial, that for the country's good we want something far better.

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Coffin in the Street

A friend sends me the magazine section of the Sunday Colonist every week and in the one dated March 29, on page 13, I noticed an article about forgotten graves and did anyone remember there had been a cemetery at Douglas and Johnson Streets?

Well, about 1893 or 1894 my brother and I were standing just about where Mr. Wrigleworth's fish store was on Johnson Street watching some men dig a sewer, and in digging they uncovered a coffin.

It was a surprise to men there and they finally gathered all bones and put them in a box which was taken to the cemetery at Ross Bay and reburied. I believe I was eight years old at the time and my brother 10. My dad was chief of police at the time and we ran back to his office to tell him. If I were there I could point at the exact spot where it had been.

My brother and my dad have long passed on but I have never forgotten our excitement. Would that have been the Hudson's Bay graveyard? I wonder how many are still there under some of the buildings or did they remove them, or at least what they could find?

I am 75 years old now but that is still fresh in my mind. My mother was born there in 1867, just 101 years ago this September. Anything of news in Victoria and of old days is always very interesting to me.

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No Easy Road

In this Mental Health Week may I offer just a few lines of congratulation to the Colonist and to the Victoria-Esquimalt Health Department for the splendidly helpful article on page 3 of Colonist of last Wednesday.

In that we are told that mentally healthy persons are able to think for themselves, to adjust to economic and environmental situations, and secure balance in living. But we are warned there is no easy road to mental health, which warning seems amply proved by the fact that in the U.S., in Britain and, alas, in Canada every mental institution is overcrowded and with millions needing and awaiting their turn.

In this continuing increase in mental illness numbers, we realize that, contrary to the warning given, millions of our citizens are being "bowled over" by their own emotions, due entirely to lack of ability to adjust to present stress of economic conditions. And we are asked to shape our environment whenever possible. This is needed and wholesome advice but we are made aware that mental ill-health will continue to take its deadly and increasing toll so long as we tolerate and submit to the present derangement of economic and of environment conditions.

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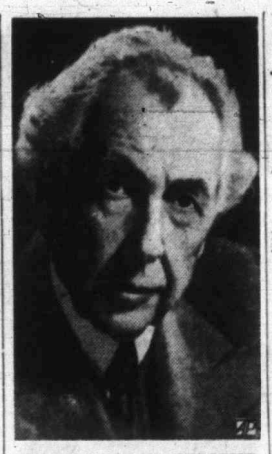

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT
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Frank Wright, 89, Architecture's Old Rebel, Dies

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—Frank Lloyd Wright, 89, master architect who fashioned a world reputation for brilliant design, died in a Phoenix hospital Thursday.

Known as the "rebellious old gentlemen" of his profession, Wright entered hospital last Saturday and underwent surgery Monday for removal of an intestinal obstruction.

Wright was the centre of controversy throughout his professional life. Many of his designs were unusual in appearance and radical in engineering.

STINGING REPLIES

Criticism of his plans drew stinging replies.

"Early in life I had to choose between honest arrogance and hypocritical humility," he said a few years ago. "I chose honest arrogance and have seen no occasion to change."

He designed more than 700 buildings, including the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo and the still-unfinished Guggenheim Museum in New York.

DIDN'T GRADUATE

Born June 8, 1869, in Richland Center, Wis., Wright began his career as an apprentice without waiting to graduate from college.

Some of his sharpest verbal blasts were at the American Institute of Architects and its members.

But in 1948 the institute named him the 15th winner in 42 years of its gold medal "for distinguished service to the advancement of the art and the profession of architecture."

Wright called cities "vampires . . . sterilizing humanity" and apartments "sanitary slums."

His warfare with convention attracted youth to him and he established the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation to instruct his followers.

THREE MARRIAGES

Wright's personal life was marked by three marriages. His first, to the late Catherine Tobin, produced six children before ending in divorce.

He then married Miram Noel, who died shortly after their divorce.

His third wife, Olgivanna Lazovich, was with him when he died. They have one daughter.

Young people have a greater chance of being saved from cancer in their later life than had earlier generations. The secret is early detection and prompt treatment in regular cancer clinics.

U.S. Gambit Hinted for Unified Germany

East-West Mutual Aid Pact?

LONDON (AP)—The United States is reported circulating far-reaching plans among its allies for a new East-West security system in Europe.

Qualified informants said U.S. leaders envisage a treaty open to every power in Europe and North America.

It would bind each signatory to help any fellow member that might become the victim of aggression. Thus in extreme circumstances the United States could be committed to help defend the Soviet Union against attack by, say, a reunited Germany.

As now contemplated the treaty hinges on prior agreement by East and West to reunify Germany, informants said. In that sense it would crown a package deal for an East-West settlement in Europe.

The United States has drafted broad proposals to bring about such a settlement. They start with a phased program for bringing East and West Germany together over a period of years. They provide for arms limitation under tight controls in central Europe.

British, U.S., French and West German experts meet here Monday to consider the American and other allied plans for the future of Germany. If accepted by allied governments, the plans will be presented to the Soviet Union next month when East-West foreign ministers meet in Geneva.

Goals in cancer research are to find ways to cure it, to find ways to prevent it and to alleviate suffering. The Canadian Cancer Society is the largest supporter of cancer research.

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Canada Winning Ground Rules But Not U.S. Defence Work

NEW YORK (UPI) — In their talks with U.S. defence officials, Canadian officials have obtained almost all they asked for on defence contract sharing rules—but that still leaves Canadian manufacturers with a long uphill road to travel to get more U.S. business.

There will be more conferences in Washington later this month. Perhaps even more items will be added to the list on which Uncle Sam will waive the Buy American Act and customs duties to enable Canadian manufacturers to compete better with big U.S. firms for contracts in the huge joint defence ventures.

But with U.S. unemployment problems the Canadian manufacturer is all too likely to get tripped up, even when he has the earnest help of Ottawa.

A case in point is the recent purchase by Canada of 10 Grumman Albatross seaplanes for search and rescue work by the RCAF. For months, Canada officials tried to get permission to have these planes built under licence by Avro at Malton, Ont.

The Grumman company officials hinted it might be possible but finally refused.

What it really looked like in the end was that Grumman just didn't want to give up the business because the Long Island aircraft producing area of New York lives these days in the shadow of severe unemployment.

Meanwhile, there have been some small developments that show that Canada's best weapon in cracking the American and world markets both in defence work and peaceful projects is originality.

For example, RCA of Canada has just received a $1,000,000 order from its parent company for a new Canadian-designed single sideband radio-transmitter.

Atomic Arms For Germany 'Must'—U.K.

LONDON (UPI) — Prime Minister Harold Macmillan declared yesterday that West Germany must be armed with nuclear weapons.

He said refusal to give the West Germans such A-arms would be "discrimination."

Macmillan made the conciliatory gesture to the Germans in a House of Commons statement just a day after Chancellor Konrad Adenauer sharply attacked the British in a nationwide broadcast.

The German chancellor had lashed back against British press criticism of him and his policies in a broadcast Wednesday night explaining his decision to quit the chancellorship and move up to the presidency.

But the British government, anxious to patch up relations between the two countries in advance of East-West negotiations, refused to be dragged into a debate with the chancellor.

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